

# TODAY'S PRICES

Mexican bank notes, 12-Mexican pesos, 12-Chihuahua currency, 6-1/2-Corpus currency, 11-1/2-Buena Vista currency, 11-1/2-Harmon currency, 11-1/2-Copper, 11-1/2-Graha, 11-1/2-Liverpool, steady. Stocks, dull.

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El Paso and West Texas, fair; New Mexico and Arizona, fair, warmer.

## Villa Recruits New Regiment In Juarez

### TROOPS TO BATTLE FRONT

#### Are Sent Forward To Join Northern Leader In Attack Against Obregon.

#### CONSCRIPTION OF MEN IS REPORTED

#### Caranza Dispatches Assert That Zapatistas Are Not In Mexico City.

#### NEW REGIMENT, "THE FIRST REGIMENT," WILL LEAVE JUAREZ ON A SPECIAL TRAIN TODAY FOR AGUASCALIENTES TO REINFORCE THE MAIN VILLA ARMY. THE 600 MEN IN THE NEW ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS MADE UP MAINLY OF RECRUITS, COL. JUAN AVILA, BROTHER OF GEN. AVILA, MILITARY GOVERNOR OF CHIHUAHUA, WILL HAVE COMMAND OF IT. HE WILL TAKE CHARGE OF IT IN CHIHUAHUA, WHERE HE IS NOW. MANY CONSCRIPTIONS TO FILL UP THIS REGIMENT ARE REPORTED IN JUAREZ.

#### Apparently Caranza authorities are not alarmed by the recent numerous rumors of preparations being made on this side of the line by elements of the Villa faction to attack the Mexican border town. The earliest is reported to number between 400 and 500 men, with at least 10 machine guns and several field pieces. Although there has been no great influx in the number of troops over the river, unusual precautions are being taken to prevent a surprise attack. Cavalry patrols ride day and night around the town, some of them going out 10 to 15 miles.

#### Reports of Fighting. Detachments of Villa troops from San Luis Potosi have crossed Caranza outposts at Villahermosa, midway between Tlaxiaco and Silao, and severe skirmishing has been in progress for two days, according to unofficial advice which reached the border Tuesday from the south. Caranza advisers say that Obregon's troops have already occupied Silao, half way to Aguascalientes from Celaya, where Villa was defeated last week by Obregon. Official messages from Chihuahua this morning stated that Villa still held Silao.

#### Conflicting claims made by both factions here have thrown a veil of uncertainty over developments during the past two days in the military situation between Aguascalientes, where Villa is pushing the concentration of his army to give battle to Gen. Obregon. As far as can be learned today, it was not until yesterday that Villa was shut the lid on news, and persons who know his tactics believe this indicates that the expected "decisive" struggle of the revolution is about to be fought.

#### Villa Increases Strength. Aguascalientes now is about 25,000 men, according to arrivals from Torreon. Reinforcements have been pouring daily into his camp for the last few days and great quantities of ammunition have been shipped to the concentration point through the Juarez port. It is estimated that about 1,200,000 cartridges have been exported from El Paso to Villa, in addition to several hundred rifles.

#### Caranza officials here assert that Obregon's force has been reinforced and his ammunition supply replenished. They declare his army will be equal numerically to Villa's when the "great" battle is fought.

#### Gen. Herrera Is Dead. The death of Gen. Macario Herrera had taken a load off the minds of the Villa military authorities in Juarez, according to officers of the garrison. They say that some fear was felt that Herrera might suddenly enter northern Chihuahua territory and strike an unexpected blow at Juarez. His death removed the apprehension. Ninety percent of the Huachuca, keeping the Juarez garrison now are picked troops and veterans. It has been learned. One officer said today in discussing the probability of an attack on Juarez by Villa's enemies: "Well, they'll find when they come that the soldiers in Juarez now are the kind that will die in the places where their officers put them and it will be no afternoon tea party for the attackers."

#### Gerza Terrorized, Caranza Says. A cablegram received from El Paso Caranza consulate from Veracruz says that Manuel Cuazares, confidential agent of Spain, arrived on the steamship Antonio Lopez Monday and was received by first chief Caranza.

#### Persons arriving from Mexico City state that Gen. Huerta, commander of the Villa forces at Celaya, the message continues, adding: "Ignacio de la Torre, son-in-law of Diaz, who is now a Zapatista, general, has never had the courage to enter Mexico City, but is hiding with a small force at Hacienda San Nicolas Peralta, near Toluca. Press dispatches reported, De la Torre as the commanding general in Mexico City."

#### Emiliano Zapata with his forces remains in the mountains in the state of Morelos. His brother, Eufemio Zapata, visited Mexico City for a few hours, Genovevo de la O, with 2000 men badly armed, is holding Mexico City."

(Other Mexican News Page 2.)

## The War At A Glance

**T**HE German rush in Flanders has halted, at least for the moment. Official communications from the German, French, English and Belgian war departments today bring out this point, although it is not clear whether the allies have accomplished anything of importance further than to check the advance of their opponents.

The official announcement from Berlin shows that the Germans are now on the defensive along their new line north of Ypres. The statement is made that British attacks broke down "with extraordinary heavy losses."

Both the French and British claim that part of the lost territory has been retaken. A dispatch from field marshal Sir John French, British commander in chief, says the British made progress in the vicinity of St. Julien.

**Italian Diplomats Called Home.**—The Italian ambassadors at Berlin, Vienna, Paris and London have been summoned home for a conference with the Italian foreign minister. It is interpreted this move as an indication that Italy is on the eve of an important decision concerning her foreign policy and all Italy is awaiting the word whether the nation shall take up arms with the allies.

**Austro-German Loss 20,000.**—Official Geneva dispatches say the Russians have begun another attack on the Austrians in the Czechoslovak region. Austrian and German casualties are estimated in the last two days at 20,000.

**Belgians Repulse Three Attacks.**—The Belgians are reported to have repulsed three attacks of the Germans south of Dinmuid, in the great battle now under way in Flanders. A statement today from the Belgian military authorities says that there have been fierce battles all along the line.

**Land Fighting at Dardanelles.**—In the east there is no sign of a resumption of fighting on such a scale as that in the west. It is assumed that land fighting is in progress in the attempt of the allies to gain the Dardanelles.

## AUSTRO-GERMAN LOSSES, 20,000

Geneva, Switzerland, April 27.—The Russians have begun another strong offensive movement around the Czechoslovak region. Austrian and German casualties are estimated in the last two days, the dispatch says, at 20,000 men.

Melting snow has hindered the Russian advance between Stry and Maturova.

## GERMAN CRUISER WILHELM INTERNS

Newport News, Va., April 27.—The German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm is expected some time today to steam to Hampton Roads and join the interned cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich. The commander of the Kronprinz, Wilhelm, Lieut. Capt. Thierfelder, announced last Monday he would intern his ship. He stated he was informed by surgeons that no more of his crew were sick from beri-beri that the ship could not be properly manned for service.

## QUITS VILLA FOR EUROPE TO FIGHT AGAINST GERMANY

San Antonio, Tex., April 27.—Responding to a message from his mother, in England announcing the killing of his two brothers in the British army, the taking of Hill No. 60 in Flanders, and begging him to come home and fight for England, Maj. Eduardo Bequer today wired his resignation to Villa, in whose army he has fought for two years.

## SHIP WITH WOMEN PEACE DELEGATES IS RELEASED

London, Eng., April 27.—An admiralty order issued today released the steamer Noordland, which upon the vessel proceeded on her way to Rotterdam. Holland. She was on board the American women delegates to the International Women's Peace conference at The Hague. She left New York April 12 but was held up on account of the war by the German government on traffic on the North sea.

## COLLIER IS BLOWN UP; PART OF CREW MISSING

London, Eng., April 27.—The collier Grimby has been blown up in the North sea. Some of the members of her crew are missing.

## SWEDISH STEAMER CENTRIC IS SUNK IN MINE

Stockholm, Sweden, April 27.—The Swedish steamer Centric on her way from Stockholm to Helsinki, was sunk by a mine off the Aland islands. The members of the vessel's crew were saved.

## BRITISH ARMY AVIATOR AND MECHANIC KILLED

London, Eng., April 27.—Sub Lieut. Medford and a mechanic were killed today in an accident to a seaplane at the Calshot air station.

## PLATT'S WIRE WAS "TOO LATE"

### Roosevelt Letters Show He Usually Consulted Senator Before Taking Action.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 27.—A telegram in which former United States senator Platt urged Theodore Roosevelt to sign a bill exempting from the franchise and bill grade crossings of steam railroads and said that "your friends of the New York Central and senator Dewar are anxious," was read in the supreme court here on Wednesday, the sixth day that Col. Roosevelt has been on the witness stand in the \$50,000 libel suit brought against him by William Barnes.

In reply, the colonel wrote senator Platt that he had received the telegram, "too late." These messages were part of the additional correspondence that passed between Col. Roosevelt and senator Platt, which was presented in court today.

**Didn't Want Vice Presidency.**—In one letter read Monday, Col. Roosevelt told the senator he did not want to be vice president of the United States as it was not an office in which he could do anything. The colonel said he would like to be governor for another term, "and in spite of all the work and worry—and very largely because of your constant courtesy and consideration, my dear senator—I have thoroughly enjoyed being governor."

The colonel added, that not being a money maker, "he felt in honor bound to leave his children the equivalent, in a way, of a substantial sum of actual achievement in politics or letters."

**Colonel Shies at Advice.**—A series of private letters that passed between Mr. Barnes and Col. Roosevelt was introduced into the record. These covered a period between 1904 and 1910. The reading of the correspondence between Col. Roosevelt and senator Platt in which the colonel freely discussed all manner of legislation, political and administrative affairs, was completed today.

William L. Barnum, the cross examiner, started off his inquiry by asking Col. Roosevelt whether he took the advice of senator Platt in regard to the nomination for the vice presidency in 1904.

"Did you value senator Platt's advice?" asked Mr. Barnum.

"I am unable to say," replied Col. Roosevelt.

"Did he advise you to accept the nomination?"

"I don't say advise, sir," said Col. Roosevelt.

"Well, as a result of your interview with 'Boss' Platt, did you accept the nomination?"

Col. Roosevelt's counsel objected to the question which was ruled out.

"You're not asking me to say," said Col. Roosevelt.

On December 8, 1904, Col. Roosevelt telegraphed to the senator this: "I am greatly concerned because character of the committee has changed. I myself am not sure of the result. This being the only day they could get that I am not sure of the result. Do you really regard it as important for me to come and not Woodruff take my place? Does president really expect me?"

Senator Platt in reply telegraphed Col. Roosevelt:

"Think your absence from meeting of committee will be deplored by the president and other governors. Meeting of charter committee seems to me should be secondary. Let them postpone it. I will come, but you are not an easy loss."

Then Col. Roosevelt telegraphed: "All right. In view of your second telegram I will come, but you are not an easy loss."

## BOMB DANGERS TURKISH COUNCIL

Paris, France, April 27.—A powerful cloud of bomb dangers hangs over the Turkish council, according to a dispatch from Salonika. It was timed to explode at the council's meeting, which is being attended by David Pasha, minister of war, field marshal von der Goltz and Gen. Liman von Sanders.

An investigation is said to have disclosed that the bomb was placed in the room by a sweeper who came to clean the chimney and who then disappeared. Several minor officials connected with the ministry of war have been arrested on suspicion of being his accomplices. The police believe the plot was directed against the Young Turks and the German government.

## Can of Beans Explodes; Maybe Were Navy Beans

Springer, N. M., April 28.—Beans are as explosive as dynamite. Eusebio Solano was burned when a can of beans that he was heating on the stove exploded.

The can exploded with much noise and the hot liquid was thrown over the man's face. It was feared that he would go blind as a result of the explosion but his eyesight has been saved.

## TRY TO KILL DRIVER OF MACHINE

### Attempt To Throw Him Over the Viaduct Before Driving Off With Car.

## HIRE THE VEHICLE ON MEXICAN SIDE

### Then Come To El Paso, Throw Out Driver, Get Away With Car.

**T**AKING the car which he was driving away from him, Henry Salazar had a fight for his life to prevent three Americans from throwing him off the viaduct at old Port Bliss early Tuesday morning, according to his brother, P. Salazar, who owns the car.

While standing in front of the Tivoli cafe in Juarez early Tuesday morning, Henry Salazar says three well dressed Americans chartered his five passenger Cadillac to come to El Paso. He brought them to the American side, he said, and drove to the Mission garage, on Mills street, to fill his gas tank upon being informed by "the three" that they wished to ride over the viaduct. He then drove toward the viaduct but, becoming suspicious, he turned back and drove to his brother's home at 623 West Missouri street and made an effort to awaken him, but without success. While still in the 400 block, he was dragged from the driver's seat and into the back seat of the car, where he says he choked.

## Tried to Cut His Throat.

A tall man who wore a cap, Salazar says, took the wheel and they drove back toward the viaduct. On the way one of the men, the driver declares, took his shoe off and started to beat him on the head, the driver telling the assailant to "beat him up." Another had a long knife, he says, and threatened to cut young Salazar's throat. Another one of the three said to wait until they reached the viaduct where they could drop him off and no one would ever know what happened to him, Salazar declares.

## First Attempt at Escape.

The driver said the man attempted to drive off with the car while they were at the Mission garage. Instead he collided with a Packard auto and was checked for \$25, signed by "J. B. Jones" in payment for the gasoline and the damage to the car. This check was said by P. Salazar to have been turned in at a bank Tuesday morning. Salazar says one of the men, during the trip to the viaduct, said: "We're not in New York again; we could throw him in the river and no one would ever know."

## Tucumcari Collects Tin Cans For Show Tickets

Tucumcari, N. M., April 27.—Tin cans by the wagon load were collected by the boys and girls of Tucumcari recently when the women of the town offered a ticket to a local theater for each 50 cans collected in the streets and vacant lots.

## MIDLAND CAN GET ROAD FOR BONUS OF \$250,000

Midland, Texas, April 27.—For a bonus of \$250,000 Midland can get a railroad to Lamesa with shops and terminals covering 20 acres located here. T. J. O'Donnell, of Sweetwater, has been here in conference with the mercantile association concerning the proposition. O'Donnell is associated with W. L. Carville, of Dallas.

## University Scholarship

Friday is the last day to vote in the University Scholarship club contest. The ballots have been sent out to all members, but many have not returned them. It is requested that they return the ballot, together with their annual dues, as soon as possible.

## AMBASSADOR PAGE SAVES MISS DEACON



Palermo, Italy, April 27.—Miss Edith Deacon of Boston and Newport, daughter of Mrs. Florence Baldwin and sister of princess Antoine Radzwill, formerly Dorothy Deacon, was recently suspected of being a spy when traveling at Gigenoli. She appealed to Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Italy, who applied to the Italian minister of the interior, and convinced him of Miss Deacon's identity and neutrality.

## COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE SHORT; RETURN MONIES WHEN AUDITED

### Excess Commissions Retained in Several Instances, the Auditors Report, After Checking Books of Officials; Total Due County From Various Officials Over \$3000; Some Claim County Owes Them.

**A** SHORTAGE of \$312.67, distributed among several county offices, existed on November 28, 1914, according to the audit of Robinson, Masquerette & Co., submitted to the county commissioners' court Tuesday morning. All the shortages with the exception of \$278.78 have been made up, the report says.

The amounts unaccounted for are as follows: Will L. Watson, county tax collector, \$297.92; Park W. Pittman, former county clerk, \$240.62; G. W. Huffman, county tax assessor, \$1.94; J. A. Becaloda, district clerk, \$44.25; T. R. Price, former county attorney, \$63.39; E. B. McClintock, former justice of the peace, \$100.58; J. J. Murphy, justice of the peace, \$98.81.

**Monies Are Reported.**—The shortages of Will L. Watson, G. W. Huffman, J. A. Becaloda and E. B. McClintock were made up, the report states. Those of Park W. Pittman, T. R. Price and J. J. Murphy have not been made up. Mr. Price, it is stated, represents that there are amounts due him that more than make up the shortage. Justice Murphy claims also that there are charges due him.

**"Excess Commissions."**—The report states that the county collector's shortage "represents excess commissions retained by the collector during 1914. It may be stated," the report continues, "that his annual report for 1914 had not been completed at the time the collector's attention was called to the above matter, although he stated at that time, Jan. 25, 1915, that he did not anticipate finding any large discrepancy either in favor of or against the county."

**Turns Over the Money.**—On being presented with figures showing the above underpayment to the county treasurer for 1914 collections, the collector turned over this amount to the treasurer on February 4, 1915.

The books and records in the county collector's office, the report states, "were found in very poor condition." With reference to the county clerk's office, the report states that \$240.62 was unaccounted for. The books and records were found in an unsatisfactory condition from an accounting standpoint.

## Italian Ambassadors Are Summoned From London, Paris, Vienna, Berlin.

## GERMANS EFFECT DECIDED GAINS

### French, Aided By Belgians, Recapture Lizerne From German Forces.

**L**ONDON, Eng., April 27.—No attempt is made here to minimize the importance of the German operations in Flanders, which have been declared to be at least an apple rotten for the British victory last month at Neuve Chapelle. The report of today claims the repulse of three German attacks south of Dinmuid, which indicates that the German contention that their advance was made over a front extending from Ypres to Dinmuid, was accurate.

The latest official German communication claimed the recapture of Lizerne from the French, but the Belgian report made unambiguously asserts that possession of the town was won for second time, and that the French were greatly assisted in the assault by Belgian artillery. Lizerne, on the western side of the canal, has been a focal point in the German advance, which indicates that the German contention that their advance was made over a front extending from Ypres to Dinmuid, was accurate.

## Rome Recalls Four Diplomats.

The Italian ambassadors at Paris, London, Vienna and Berlin have been summoned to Rome to confer with foreign minister Sonnino.

This extraordinary recall, the exact purpose of which has not been disclosed, is supposed to have been made in order that the judgment and information collected by the ambassadors might be utilized in a conference to determine the final stand of Italy with respect to the European war.

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# At Hues You learn That Man Is a Whole Lot Lower Than the Angels